



Welcome to the Clark County Community Development e-News. We send this publication out once a month to announce the latest in what's happening. We will attempt to cover a broad range of topics that we hope will be of interest to you. We need your input! We welcome your comments about our news bulletin; and if you have topics you would like us to cover and we haven't, we'll do our best to accommodate you!*

Reducing the waiting time in the Permit Center

In May of this year, the Customer Service Division began a pilot program designed to help reduce some of the waiting time for customers applying for building permits.

The division identified the top five production builders by the volume of their permit applications: New Tradition, Aho Construction, Holt Homes, Rockford Homes, and Sun Country. These builders have been contacted and asked to call for an appointment any time they are applying for three or more permits. Shari Jensen, manager of the Customer Service Division, picked three as the magic number because generally it takes about an hour to submit three permits for single-family homes. [Click here](#) to read the rest of the article.*



Community Pride Design Awards Call for Nominations

The Community Pride Design Awards program is soliciting nominations for this year's awards. The program recognizes outstanding and unique efforts

in creating buildings, developments, and civic improvements that have had a positive impact on the community. The awards committee is primarily interested in projects that were completed in calendar year 2002 or in the first half of 2003.

The program was established in 1996 by public and private organizations within Clark County. Last year ten projects from throughout the county were honored, representing a broad range of categories including commercial and industrial, public facilities, environmental and community enhancement projects.

If you know of a project in your neighborhood or community that you believe deserves recognition, please fill out the nomination form(available [here](#)) and return it to the committee at the address provided. Nominations are due by August 25, 2003. If you need additional forms, please either make copies or contact us at the number provided below.

The Committee will contact award recipients. A public awards ceremony to recognize the selected projects will be held on November 12, 2003. If you have any questions, please contact Kathi Curtis, Clark County Department of Community Development at 397-2375 extension 4382. Thank you for your interest in participating in this important civic event.*

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Summer tips for your pets

With the hot weather we have had this month, Animal Protection and Control's thoughts turn to the busy summer months. One of the most frequent complaints that animal control receives is about animals locked in a hot car. On hot - or even warm - sunny days, the inside of a car heats up very quickly. On an 85-degree day, for example, even with the windows slightly open, the temperature inside a car can climb to 102 degrees in 10 minutes, to 120 in 30 minutes. On warmer days it will go even higher. Animals can succumb to heat stroke in just 15 minutes.

The Fourth of July is a time of great fun and celebration. Many people enjoy setting off fireworks, and watching the fireworks displays that are always awe-inspiring. One member of the family who may not enjoy the fireworks as much is your family pet. Many pets are frightened by the loud noises that are associated with fireworks, and will run out of their yards. Here are some easy tips for having a pet-happy fourth!

- Make sure your pet is licensed. Animals who have a current Clark County license and are found running at large are treated to emergency medical care if needed, a longer stay at the shelter, and notification of where the pet may be recovered.
- Keep your animal in the house during the fireworks. A bathroom or bedroom with few windows is the best place so that the noise is not as loud.
- Talk to your veterinarian about other ways to keep your pet calm and happy during this holiday.*

VIP Program recognized

Congratulations to Animal Protection and Control for their recognition in the NACA News, the national animal control association's bi-monthly newsletter. Clark County's VIP program involving Animal Protection and Control and the Fire Marshall's office was highlighted in an article about "Thinking Outside the Box". Clark County Animal Protection and Control working alongside Vancouver Fire Services and Child Abuse Intervention Center developed the Violence Indicators Prevention (VIP) program. This program focuses on educating the community regarding a pattern of behavior in juveniles including fire starting, animal cruelty and exposure to domestic violence that can be an indicator of future acts of violence in adulthood. VIP is a program working to stop this pattern before it leads to more violence. *

50 Day Process Design Underway

The department is working on the Express Permitting Program and has made good progress on designing special preliminary plan, building and engineering construction plan approval processes that will allow major economic development to obtain approvals more quickly than available through the standard processes. The special processes will be offered only to a select group of developments.

Major economic development projects are determined by two criteria:

CREDC must submit a letter to the Clark County Community Development Department attesting to the importance of the project for primary



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or family wage job creation or retention in Clark County, and the value of the building under construction must meet or exceed the following:

New construction \$2,000,000

Tenant improvement: \$500,000

In short, the Department is considering allowing preliminary plan review in 50 days and final plan approval in another 50 days. Because the two processes can be overlapped, applicants may be able to get permits in the time frames shown below.

The preliminary proposal that will be reviewed by the CREDC in June, and then presented to the County Board of Commissioners this sum-

mer. The details may change as the proposal is reviewed by decision making bodies. After the concept is approved by the Board, the department will test it on pilot projects before making it available to major economic developments.

In 2004, the Department hopes to add onto the concept by developing a special process that allows property owners to pre-certify sites for economic development.*

Elapsed time	Scenario
Less than 50 Days	50 Day Final Plan review. Follows Type 3 Preliminary Plan Review or Type 2 that is not eligible for 50 Day Preliminary Plan Review and assumes early release of foundation or grading permit at day 28, 40 or 47.
50 Days	50 Day Final Plan review. Follows Type 3 Preliminary Plan Review or Type 2 that is not eligible for 50 day Preliminary Plan Review and assumes no early release of foundation only and grading permit.
69 Days	50 Day Preliminary Plan review, with 50 day Final Plan submission in day 41 of 50 Day Preliminary Plan Review process. Issuance of foundation only or grading permits at Day 28.
78 Days	50 Day Preliminary Plan Process followed by 50 Day Final Plan process, with foundation and grading permit issued in day 28 of Final Plan process.
81 Days	50 Day Preliminary Plan Process, with 50 Day Final Plan submission in day 41 of 50 Day Preliminary Plan Review process. Issuance of foundation only or grading permits at Day 40.
90 days	50 Day Preliminary Plan Process followed by 50 Day Final Plan process, with foundation and grading permit issued in day 40 of Final Plan process.
91 days	50 Day Preliminary Plan review, with 50 Day Final Plan submission in day 41 of 50 Day Preliminary Plan Review process. No issuance of foundation only or grading permits at Day 28, 40 or 47 of 50 Day Final Process.
100 Days	50 Day Preliminary Plan Review followed by 50 Day Final Plan Review.

What's On TV Tonight?

There is a lot on CVTV (channel 23) about Community Development. For example, you can watch the animal control, land use, and code enforcement hearings, as well as the county Planning Commission. To see the complete schedule click here: www.cvtv.org

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Expanding our audience

Do you know others who would benefit from this information? Any list serves that would be appropriate for us to post this on? On the other hand, if you would like to be taken off our e-mailing list, just let us know. Contact Désirée at desiree.demonye@clark.wa.gov.*

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